

House Resolution 2205

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st and Scott of the 2nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Reverend Robert H. Woods, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Reverend Robert H. Woods, Sr., on February 22, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Woods was born on June 17, 1938, in Paint Lick, Kentucky, the first
5 of seven beloved children to J.M. and Bessie King Woods; and

6 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Rachel Ann Darrah on June 15, 1957, and
7 was blessed with four remarkable children, Rebecca Jane, Patricia Ann, Nancy Jo, and
8 Robert H. Woods, Jr.; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Woods was saved at the age of 18 while attending Wesleyan
10 Methodist Church in Richmond, Indiana, and was later called to serve the Lord while
11 working as a general manager at an IPA grocery store in Centerville, Indiana, and attending
12 Centerville Church of the Nazarene; and

13 WHEREAS, he moved his family to Sparta, Tennessee, in 1976 and began his first pastorate
14 at Shady Grove Church of the Nazarene and became an ordained minister; and

15 WHEREAS, Reverend Woods demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
16 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
17 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others for 35 years as a pastor for several churches in three
18 states; and

19 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
20 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
21 family and friends were admired by others; and

22 WHEREAS, his vision and direction as associate pastor helped Lakeview Wesleyan Church
23 in Rossville, Georgia, grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of
24 Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

25 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
26 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
27 humanitarian, Reverend Woods served as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

28 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Woods was a source
29 of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

30 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Reverend Woods will long be remembered
31 for his love of the Lord, family, and friendship, and this loyal minister, husband, father, and
32 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Reverend Robert H.
35 Woods, Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Reverend
38 Robert H. Woods, Sr.